

Pedestrian Safety Fact Sheet

Motorists have a responsibility to share the road safely and be alert for pedestrians. They should not only look for pedestrians in neighborhoods, urban areas and beach towns, but actively look for people in the roadway at all times.

Get the facts:

- Cross at intersections when possible, even if you have to walk a little further.
- If you can't walk on a sidewalk, you must walk facing traffic...and walk as far off the edge as possible.
- Always carry a flashlight or wear reflective clothing at night.
- Never walk under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. It is illegal. And dangerous.
- Never hitchhike.

**Alcohol use was
a factor in over
half of the
pedestrian
fatalities in
2012.**

Pedestrian injuries tend to occur to younger children ages 5 – 19. Motorists in neighborhoods should be aware that kids might dart out mid block or dart out to get balls or other toys without paying attention. Parents should not allow children to cross the street on their own until they've practiced the basics with them hundreds of times. Kids should stop at the edge of the curb and look left, right, and left again before crossing. Once you start crossing the street, keep looking from side to side until you've made it across safely. Never blindly run out into the road.



Walk Smart. Arrive Alive DE.

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